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Board Approves Parking Ordinance to Provide Relief to Mountain Businesses

SAN BERNARDINO—March 13, 2012—On Tuesday, Supervisors unanimously approved an ordinance changing parking standards for some mountain businesses in recognition of the unique development issues mountain business owners face, including smaller lot sizes, steep slopes, and narrow streets.

“The change approved today brings some common sense to the development standards the County applies to mountain businesses,” said Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford, who worked closely with County staff to ensure the ordinance addressed mountain business owners’ concerns. “The ordinance adopted today is a first step. This Board needs to continue listening to our local business owners and finding policy solutions that make it simpler for them to do business here in San Bernardino County.”

The ordinance approved by the Board reduces the parking space requirement for mountain restaurants from a minimum of 10 to a minimum of four spaces. The standard remains the same for restaurants with more than 5,000 square feet of gross leasable area (GLA).

In addition, the ordinance allows the conversion of mountain businesses used for retail sales to restaurants without invoking additional county development code requirements. County Planning Staff supported the change because restaurant and retail uses generate a similar demand for parking in the village-type commercial enclaves in the mountain region.

Under the prior rules, a retail business in the mountains that was converted into a restaurant would need additional parking spaces to comply with development requirements for restaurants. The ordinance does not apply to conversions of businesses with more than 5,000 square feet of GLA nor does it apply to restaurants that provide entertainment or those that primarily serve alcoholic beverages.

The San Bernardino County Planning Commission considered the ordinance changes on Feb. 23 and recommended approval. The ordinance will come back to the Board on March 27 for a second reading and will become effective 30 days later.

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County secures more than \$7 million for homeless

A combination of funding for new and renewed project grants awarded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide the County of San Bernardino more than \$7 million to furnish transitional and permanent housing, as well as other supportive services, to homeless individuals and families who might otherwise be living on the streets.

"These HUD Grant awards identify our County's needs and place us in a very competitive arena to be able to deliver much-needed housing and services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness," said Josie Gonzales, Board of Supervisors Chair and Fifth District Supervisor. "I congratulate the agencies receiving the funds as they work with us to help end chronic homelessness in San Bernardino County."

On March 13, HUD announced the award of more than \$200 million nationwide in new Continuum of Care (CoC) grants to fund 731 local homeless projects across the country. The new projects will provide housing and supportive services to thousands of homeless individuals and families.

HUD's decision to fund these new programs will bring \$5.2 million directly to the County of San Bernardino to fund seven new projects. Agencies implementing these projects include Global One Development Center, House of Prayer-Gospel Outreach Ministries Inc., Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, Life Community Development, Time for Change Foundation, and United States Veterans Initiative – Inland Empire.

On December 20, 2011, HUD announced the award of nearly \$1.47 billion in Continuum of Care grants to renew funding to 7,100 local homeless projects across the country.

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Of that amount, more than \$2.2 million was awarded to renew 13 existing projects throughout the County of San Bernardino. This allowed for the continued provision of housing and homeless services to homeless individuals and families. Agencies administering these projects include Central City Lutheran Mission, Community Action Partnership San Bernardino, Foothill Family Shelter, Frazee Community Center, Inland Behavioral Health Services, Inland Counties Legal Services, Inland Temporary Homes, New Hope Village, Inc., and the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino.

These awards will also allow the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership to continue with the measurable progress already made in meeting the recommendations outlined in the 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness in the County of San Bernardino.

In addition to homeless services, CoC grants fund a wide range of programs including job training, health care, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment and child care. These grants also fund street outreach and assessment programs to transitional and permanent housing for homeless persons and families.

If you would like more information regarding Homeless Services offered in the County of San Bernardino please contact the Office of Homeless Services at (909) 252-4001 and/or visit our website at <http://www.sbcounty.gov/SBCHP>.

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Newcombe appointed Director of County Public Works

County residents and the County's Department of Public Works will soon benefit from the leadership of one of the County's most experienced executives.

Deputy Executive Officer Gerry Newcombe will take over as Public Works Director at the end of the month when current director Granville "Bow" Bowman retires.

"Gerry has tackled many difficult assignments during his time as an executive with the County. Public Works is one of the County's most complex and challenging departments, and I am confident it will be in good hands with Gerry at the helm," said County Chief Executive Officer Greg Devereaux, who appointed Mr. Newcombe to the position.

As Director of Public Works, Mr. Newcombe will oversee a department that includes divisions for Transportation, Flood Control, Solid Waste, and Surveyor. The department's responsibilities are to maintain county roads, administer special transportation projects, manage Surveyor functions, provide administrative oversights for the operation and management of the county's solid waste system, and maintain an extensive system of flood control and water conservation facilities.

"I've gotten to know many of the excellent staff at Public Works over the years and am looking forward to the opportunity to work with them all. I appreciate Greg's confidence in me and I'm anxious to get started," Mr. Newcombe said.

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Mr. Newcombe has been with the County for more than 30 years, most recently in the dual role of Deputy Executive Officer and Manager of the Department of Public Works Solid Waste Management Division. As Deputy Executive Officer, Mr. Newcombe has been responsible for managing the oversight of renewable energy projects in the County, working with cities on the possible regionalization of animal control, and overseeing several major capital projects, including the \$150 million construction of 1,300 new jail beds.

At one time he also simultaneously oversaw five County departments, including Land Use, Real Estate Services, Architecture & Engineering, Fleet Management, and Facilities Management. During that period Mr. Newcombe was the lead negotiator for the transfer of Court facilities from the County to the state under the Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002. This process required working through a myriad of property and building issues, and ultimately presenting transfer agreements for approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Prior to this, from 2001 to 2006, Mr. Newcombe oversaw the County's capital improvement program and debt financing. His responsibilities included developing the annual budget for new construction and ongoing and deferred maintenance projects, and managing a debt portfolio of more than \$1.4 billion in revenue bonds and certificates of participation. He also developed the County's first debt reduction plan.

Mr. Newcombe's previous assignments included Contract Administrator for the County Waste System Division, Deputy Director for the County Solid Waste Management Department, and Chief of Administration for the County Regional Parks Department.

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Raymundo chosen as Public Health Director

Trudy Raymundo, who has been serving as interim Public Health Director, has been appointed Public Health Director effective this week. Ms. Raymundo will continue to serve as the department's chief administrator while Dr. Maxwell Ohikhuare continues to oversee the medical services provided by the department.

Ms. Raymundo has been involved in county public health administration for more than 14 years, serving as interim director, assistant director, an administrative analyst overseeing all the county's health care operations, and program coordinator. She has been with the county since 1990.

"Trudy has accomplished much while serving as interim director. This, combined with her years of experience with the county and in Public Health, makes her the perfect choice for the director's position," said Linda Haugan, Assistant Executive Officer for Human Services, who oversees Public Health and appointed Ms. Raymundo as director.

Ms. Raymundo's appointment marks the continuation of an innovative and successful approach to public health management in which the administrative responsibilities are assigned to a professional administrator and the medical responsibilities are assigned to a physician. Public Health is one of the county's most administratively complex departments and this approach, implemented by the county in 2001, relieves the county from having to limit its leadership recruitments to a small pool of applicants who are both highly skilled administrators as well as accomplished physicians.

The San Bernardino County Department of Public Health has an annual budget of \$97.2 million and includes 912 positions.

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During her time as assistant director and interim director, which began in January 2010, Ms. Raymundo:

- Played a key role in a massive reorganization of the Department of Public Health. The effort included the consolidation of positions to achieve greater efficiencies and cost savings, and the creation of positions to provide for greater oversight over crucial department functions, including disease control, nursing, and community health. Among those are positions that will allow the department to look at new grant opportunities, conduct a needs assessment and strategic planning, and prepare for full implementation of Health Care Reform.
- Led the department in moving towards primary care rather than depending solely on traditional categorical funding. This ensures the department can fully take advantage of Health Care Reform and Medicaid expansion in 2014. Primary care is now being provided to the county's indigent population at the Department of Public Health's three major clinic sites.
- Led the department in its efforts to gain Federally Qualified Health Care designation for its clinic in the High Desert. This will allow the department to serve the approximately 10,000 uninsured and underinsured people in the area. This is crucial because there is currently a huge gap in services and a shortage of primary care providers in the area. Public Health is now the only FQHC facility in the High Desert. This will also allow the department to explore future FQHC designation for its San Bernardino and Ontario clinics. FQHC designation also allows for enhanced and stable future funding for clinic activities. FQHC designation allows the department to seek additional grant dollars for capital improvements and infrastructure support only available to FQHC facilities.
- Spearheaded Community Vital Signs, a multi-departmental, countywide and comprehensive health and needs assessment. CVS includes the county's three health departments, Public Health, Behavioral Health, and Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. It has successfully brought together a vast array of health care professionals and interested stakeholders that will ultimately identify and address the needs of the community in terms of health and wellness, identify priorities for improving the county's health, and develop strategies for addressing such. CVS also addresses the wellness aspect of the Countywide Vision.
- Improved partnerships with community agencies and other county departments. Worked specifically with the Inland Empire HIV Planning Council to help address transition of HIV/AIDS population to medical homes, address future Ryan White funding questions, and develop techniques for improved education and prevention.

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Also under Ms. Raynumdo's leadership, the county received a grant from the Office of Justice Programs for the Second Chance Act Adult Offender Reentry Program. This 12-month planning grant allows the Department of Public Health to:

- Conduct a crucial strategic planning effort, through the San Bernardino County Reentry Collaborative (which is led by PH), to address the needs of the recently incarcerated and address strategies for successful reintegration into the communities within the county.
- Play a crucial supporting and partnership role with law enforcement and the Probation Department to assist in meeting the intent of AB109 – the inmate realignment law.
- Provide crucial data and evidence-based strategies that can be used to seek future grant funding.

Ms. Raymundo is currently working to develop long-term solutions to address the health care gaps and needs in Needles by seeking Rural Health Designation for the area to develop a model strategy for "connected care" as well as looking at innovative ways to increase and enhance the availability of the health care professionals serving the area.

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SANBAG Board Appoints New Executive Director



Dr. Raymond W. Wolfe

SAN BERNARDINO - At their March 7 board meeting, the Board of Directors of San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) named Dr. Raymond W. Wolfe as the new Executive Director of the agency. Dr. Wolfe has been the District 8 Director of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), which encompasses Riverside and San Bernardino counties. He will succeed Interim Executive Director Ty Schuiling, who has been serving in that capacity since Deborah Barmack retired as SANBAG Executive Director in August 2011.

SANBAG is a Council of Governments serving 24 cities and the county, and the Transportation Authority for San Bernardino County. The 29-member Board of Directors is composed of elected officials representing each of the 24 cities, along with all five members of the County Board of Supervisors.

While at Caltrans, Dr. Wolfe worked in partnership with both regional transportation and local resource agencies to provide a safe and reliable highway network for the traveling public and was the liaison to the statewide Caltrans Director regarding local issues, achievements, and opportunities. He has been serving as an Ex-Officio Member of the SANBAG Board since 2008, representing Caltrans on county and regional issues.

Dr. Wolfe began his career with Caltrans in 1991 as a Transportation Engineer. In 1998, he was promoted to Senior Bridge Engineer. In 2001, he took on the responsibility of opening a new bridge design office in Southern California as a Supervising Bridge Engineer. He managed the Structure Design implementation efforts related to accelerated bridge construction. Dr. Wolfe was appointed as the District 8 Director effective October 1, 2008.

Dr. Wolfe received his Doctorate in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California, a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, and a Bachelor of Science

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degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Southern California. He is a Registered Civil Engineer and a Registered Mechanical Engineer in the State of California.

“Dr. Wolfe’s experience with Caltrans and the SANBAG Board has given him the foundation upon which to begin this important endeavor at SANBAG,” stated SANBAG President Larry McCallon, who is also the Mayor of Highland. “He has broad knowledge and expertise in transportation, is familiar with regional and local issues, and has worked effectively with local partners. He has also been actively involved at the national level through the Transportation Research Board and the Strategic Highway Research Program.”

SANBAG’s current Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget is \$716 Million. Funds are used to assist in development of regional transportation policies, plan, design, and build freeway improvements, bridges, and railroad crossings, operate and expand commuter rail and transit services countywide, manage air quality programs and freeway service patrol, implement alternative fuel and energy programs, and advocate for countywide interests at State and Federal levels.

Dr. Wolfe will assume his new position effective April 9, 2012.

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Board Approves Permit, Waives Gate Fee for Rubber Ducky Derby at Lake Gregory

SAN BERNARDINO—March 27, 2012—The 4th annual Rubber Ducky Derby and Egg Hunt will take place at Lake Gregory Regional Park on Saturday, April 7 under an interim use permit approved by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.

In addition to approving the use permit, Supervisors agreed to waive the \$3 entrance fee to the park's beach area to support the event, which raises money for community beautification projects and the local American Youth Soccer Organization.

"The Rubber Ducky Derby is a wonderful, family-friendly event and waiving the gate fee makes it that much easier for families to take part in the fun," San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford said.

The Rubber Ducky Derby has become a much-anticipated tradition at Lake Gregory. In the month before the race, stores throughout the community "adopt" out ducks for a \$5 fee. On the day of the event, the tagged and adopted rubber ducks are released down the lake's 320-foot-long water slides so they can bob their way to the finish line. Prizes are awarded to the top finishers.

The event begins at 11:30 a.m. with an egg hunt hosted by the Crestline Community Development Alliance. The event is free for children ages 12 and under. The Rubber Ducky Derby kicks off at 1 p.m. sharp at the water slides. Visit www.lakegregoryduckderby.com to learn more.

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HELPING EMPLOYERS WITH FEDERAL FUNDS MAKES GOOD BUSINESS SENSE

*San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board's Successful Collaborations
with Local Employers Used as Best Practice for Congress*

San Bernardino, CA (March 20, 2012) – The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of San Bernardino County was recognized by the nonpartisan U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) for innovative business-friendly programs. The WIB was asked to present to congress how it used Workforce Investment Act funds to encourage job retention and hiring.

In a report titled "Innovative Collaborations between Workforce Boards and Employers Helped Meet Local Needs," the U.S. GAO referenced 14 local initiatives. Two of the initiatives included San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board's successful collaboration with Technical Employment Training, Inc. and its Rapid Response Layoff Aversion program.

Executive Director Sandy Harmsen testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Employment and Workforce Safety in addressing workforce needs at the regional level.

"Our Workforce Investment Board was able to quickly and effectively take action when our region was hit with business closures and lay-offs that affected thousands of residents in San Bernardino County," Harmsen said. "We knew which industries would need workers in the long-term. Through the relationships we established with industry councils, businesses and educational providers we have deployed federal funds to save jobs, train workers with skills needed by employers and encourage hiring."

In 2011, the San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board's Business Resource Team performed 27 Rapid Response visits to companies that were laying off employees. More than 1,900 dislocated workers were assisted through Rapid Response which included workshops on understanding unemployment plans, rolling over 401K plans and Cobra benefits. These residents were also introduced to the local Employment Resource Centers (ERCs) for free workshops on job searching, résumé writing and interview skills, as well as how they could qualify for no-cost job training programs and job placement support.

"The San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board can contribute much to the national conversation on how to put America back to work," said Supervisor Josie Gonzales, Chair and Fifth District Supervisor.

"For instance, the WIB's collaboration with Technical Employment Training, Inc., is a great example of how we are working together to prepare a skilled workforce and provide businesses with the manpower needed to grow and diversify. The Technical Employment Training program trains dislocated and disabled workers to attain two National Institute for Metalworking Skills Machining Level 1 certifications. The fact that 90% of its first class was placed in jobs with local manufacturers is an awesome success story worth sharing," added Gonzales.

Last year, 3,370 County residents were trained last year using Workforce Investment Act funds to enter long-term careers in growth industries such as Health Care, Aviation, Transportation and Logistics, Advanced Manufacturing and Environmental Technology.

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 created a comprehensive workforce investment system that brought together multiple federally funded employment and training programs into a single system, called the one-stop system.

About the Workforce Investment Board of San Bernardino County

The Workforce Investment Board of San Bernardino County is comprised of private business representatives and public partners appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. The Board strives to strengthen the skills of the County's workforce through partnerships with business, education and community-based organizations.

The Workforce Investment Board, through the County's Economic Development Agency and Workforce Development Department, operates the County's Employment Resource Centers (ERCs) and Business Resource Centers (BRCs). The ERCs provide individuals with job training, placement and the tools to strengthen their skills to achieve a higher quality of life. The BRCs support and provide services to the County's businesses including employee recruitment.

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Supervisors support shelter animal adoption event

The Board of Supervisors today lent its support to the County's Department of Public Health, Animal Care and Control Division's Inaugural "The Homeward Bound – Mega Pet Adoption Event".

The event will occur during Father's Day weekend, June 16, and June 17, at Yucaipa Regional Park and event parking will be at the Jerry Lewis Soccer Complex, which is directly adjacent to the area within Yucaipa Regional Park where the event will occur.

The event will start at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. and is free to the public. Participants will be able to adopt pets, receive free veterinarian assessments for the pet's they adopt, and obtain wellness vaccines and microchips at low costs. Families will also be able to participate in other fun activities such as face painting, giant slide, and enjoy various food vendors.

"This event assists in meeting the health and social services needs of the County's population and supports the Countywide Vision where all sectors work collaboratively to reach shared goals," said Brian Cronin, Division Chief Animal Care and Control. "The event will do this by building new and expanding existing partnerships among public agencies, businesses, and non-profit and faith-based organizations."

The Homeward Bound – Mega Pet Adoption Event is collaboration between San Bernardino County, the Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley (HSSBV), the Yucaipa Animal Placement Society (YAPS), the Animals aRe First Fund (ARFF), and the County Regional Parks Department.

In addition, the Animal Care and Control Division announced its participation in the American Society for the Prevention and Cruelty of Animals (ASPCA) Rachel Ray \$100K Challenge.

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This Challenge is an annual contest that inspires animal shelters to innovate and stretch to save more lives. Fifty competing shelters from across the country will work to save at least 300 more animals—during the months of August, September, and October 2012—than they did over the same three-month period in 2011. As a result of previous Challenges, participating agencies increased the number of lives saved by 7,362 in 2010, and 8,977 in 2011.

By competing in this event, ACC will raise the level of awareness in the community of the many available and adoptable animals locally, and has the potential to receive a grant of one hundred thousand dollars. If awarded, the monies granted will be used to assist the nonprofit rescues who are partnered with ACC in their efforts to place more animals in forever homes.

To become one of the fifty competing shelters, the agency will earn their spot by getting the most online votes. Individuals can vote once per day during the voting period. To vote for San Bernardino County, go to ACC's website at www.sbcounty.gov/acc and follow the links, or go directly to www.votetosavelives.org/. Voting begins April 5th and will continue through April 16th. Tell your friends and family; get the word out, vote every day.

For more information about "The Homeward Bound – Mega Pet Adoption Event," and the ASPCA Rachel Ray \$100K Challenge, please call the San Bernardino County Animal Care & Control Program toll free at 1-800-472-5609 or visit www.sbcounty.gov/acc.